

The abuses of the public's airwaves by the Sinclair Group demonstrates the need to reinstate the fairness doctrine and limit the number of stations that one company can own in any one market. The attempt to give an in kind donation to the Bush campaign is an outrageous abuse of the public's airwaves and it's stockholders

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.